

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 5 to read as follows:

of body 35.

As shown in Fig. 6, when the axis 36 of plug 5 is oriented parallel to the sides 16 and 17 of rail 6 and perpendicularly to the rail side 15, the upper and lower flat surfaces 44 and 45 of the segments 42 and the surface 50 of the cap 40 will be in planes that are parallel to the ribs 26 and 27 and the ~~ledges~~ ledge surface 25 inside of rail 6. As shown in Fig. 5, the ribs 26 and 27 and ~~ledges 27~~ 23 and 24 are exposed through the open end 14 of the rail 6. Plug 5 should have a side 37 aligned with open end 14, and then the plug can be inserted onto the rail by moving it in a path 52 that is parallel to the parallel ribs 26 and 27 and ledges 25 and is perpendicular to its axis 36. The plug 5 should continue to be slid into rail 6 in the parallel path 52 until some of the shoulders 41 engage a rib 26 and ledge 25 with sufficient friction to hold the plug inside the rail. Sliding of the plug into the rail should continue and should be stopped when the side of the plug facing the open end 14 is substantially aligned with the inner edges of the notches 20 and 21. This ensures that the plug 5 will be sufficiently close to the post 7 in a position where it will block the insect entry path into the post after the rail 6 has been attached to the post.

The friction fit that holds the plug 5 in rail 6 may be attained by predetermining the distances separating a ledge surface 25 and one rib 26, and the distances separating, and the location of, the uppermost and lowermost shoulders 48 and 49 on the plug 5. The upper surface 25 of ledge 23 and the lower surface 28 of rib 27 are spaced apart inside of said rail by a first a predetermined distance 53. The predetermined distances separating the shoulders 41 on plug 5 are set so that the upper flat surface 44 of segments 42 of the uppermost shoulder 48 are spaced from the lower flat surface 45 of the corresponding segment 42 of the lowermost shoulder 49 by a